



# **Topic 3: Baseline Simulation**

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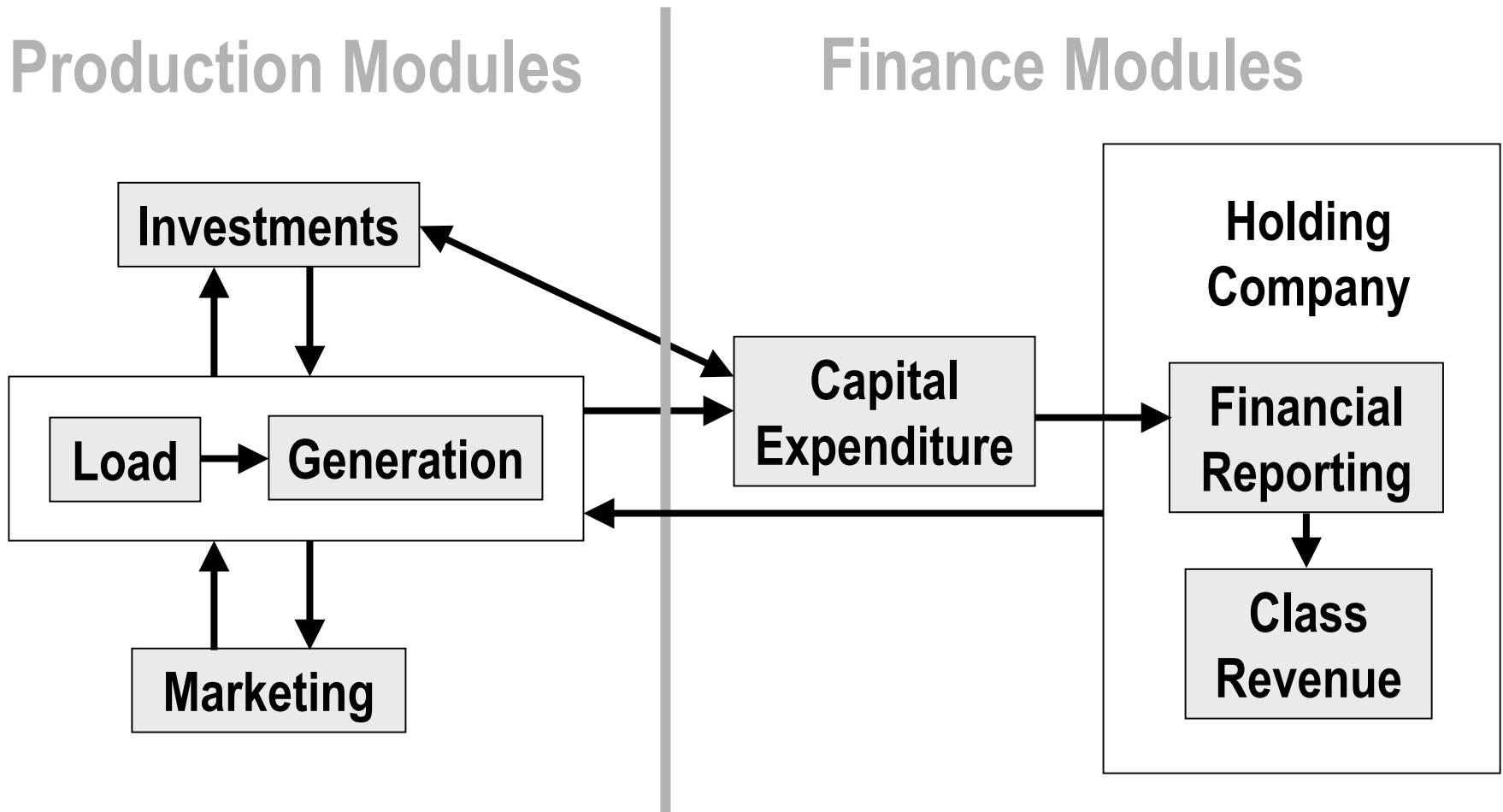


# Simulation Model

# Simulation Model Components

- **Production Modules (4)**
  - Load
  - Generation
  - Investments
  - Network trade
- **Finance Modules (4)**
  - Capital expenditure
  - Financial reporting
  - Class revenue/tariffs
  - Holding company

# Model Schematic



# **Production Modules**

- **Load Forecast Adjustment (“LFA”)**
- **Generation & Fuel (“GFA”)**
- **PROVIEW for expansion planning**
- **Network Economy Interchange (“NEI”)**

# **Load Forecast Adjustment (“LFA”)**

- **Represents & modifies load forecasts**
- **Links to production costs, system reliability, financing & revenue requirements, etc.**
- **Inputs: peak demand, load shapes, load factor, direct load control programs, etc.**
- **Outputs: energy sales, energy losses, energy requirements, etc.**

# **Generation & Fuel (“GAF”)**

- **Performs an optimal dispatch of generation resources**
- **Simulates the effects of changes in operating characteristics, fuel prices & supply, etc.**
- **Inputs: capacity, cost, heat rates, fuel contracts, generation contracts, etc.**
- **Outputs: energy required per technology, cost profiles, emissions**



# PROVIEW

- **Determines long-range expansion plans balancing demand & supply**
- **Simulates the effects of additional generation & transmission resources or load modification**
- **Inputs: alternative technologies, unit capacity sizes, load modification programs, etc.**
- **Outputs: alternative least-cost expansion plans**

# **Network Economy Interchange (“NEI”)**

- **A component of GAF**
- **Minimizes total production cost & includes trades with other systems**
- **Inputs: transmission constraints & losses, generation capacity limits, wheeling charges**
- **Outputs: adjustment to the utility’s hourly load profile**

# **Finance Modules**

- **Capital Expenditure & Recovery (“CER”)**
- **Financial Reporting & Analysis (“FIR”)**
- **Class Revenue Module (“CRM”)**
- **Holding Company Module (“HCM”)**

# **Capital Expenditure & Recovery ("CER")**

- **Compares generation alternatives & analyzes their financial implications**
- **Inputs: bond issues, construction-work-in-progress, depreciation, project life, etc.**
- **Outputs: an indication of the utility's capability for capital investment**

# **Financial Reporting & Analysis ("FIR")**

- **Evaluates the financial & rate implications of alternative construction programs, fuel cost scenarios, regulatory action, & financial strategies**
- **Inputs: inflation, interest rates, regulatory policies, financial market conditions**
- **Outputs: financial statements & ratios, rate base, allowed rate increases**

# **Class Revenue Module (“CRM”)**

- **A component of FIR**
- **Allocates rate base & expense items to rate classes**
- **Allows the design of rate structures per class**
- **Inputs: financial statements & regulatory indicators**
- **Outputs: energy charge, customer charge, demand charge**

# **Holding Company Module (“HCM”)**

- **Consolidates the financial analysis across regulated & non-regulated subsidiaries**
- **Simulates the impact of acquisitions on financial operations**
- **Inputs: financial statements & regulatory indicators**
- **Outputs: consolidated financial performance**



# Baseline Simulation



# Objective

- **Capture current conditions of power markets**
- **Simulation of island power markets**
  - Hawaii
  - Oahu
  - Maui
  - Molokai
  - Lanai
  - Kauai
- **Base year: 2003 or 2004**

# Inputs

- **Existing collection of power plants & supply resources**
- **Existing consumption patterns**
- **Current tariff structures under cost-of-service regulation**
- **Existing opportunities for utilities to earn a reasonable rate of return**

# Outputs

- **Replication of existing conditions in island power markets**
- **Sensible overall results**
- **Appropriate baseline scenario**



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